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**37 CFR § 1.116**

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 as follows:

This invention further relates to a method of enhancing the safety of TNF by covalently bonding to it, preferably through primary amines on the protein, five to twelve PEG molecules, each molecule having a molecular ~~weigh~~ weight of 10,000 to 40,000.